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SUBJ: COMMENTS OF FRENCH DCM

1. FRENCH MINISTER-COUNSELOR MALO INFORMS US DOLLARS
120 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CHEMICAL FERTILIZER
PLANTS SIGNED WITH CHINESE FEW DAYS BEFORE OPENING IN
PARIS OF "LES CHOINOIS A PARIS" AND IMPORTANT CONTRACT
FOR POWER PLANT FEW DAYS AFTER. AT SAME TIME IN MOST
DEALINGS CHINESE HAVE BEEN MUCH COOLER TO FRENCH. MALO
OBSERVES "NO BASIC CHANGE IN FOREIGN POLICIES, BUT
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FOREIGN RELATIONS", WITH ITALIANS
IN TROUBLE OVER ANTONIONI FILM, PROTESTS TO BRITISH FOR
SHOWING FILM DEPICTING ENTHUSIASTIC CHINESE AUDIENCE
RECEPTION TO LONDON SYMPHONY AND TO AUSTRALIA AND
NEW ZEALAND FOR UNFRIENDLY MEDIA PRESENTATIONS AND ARTICLES.

2. MAO OBSERVED THAT OVER NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS
THERE WOULD BE "MANY HUNDREDS" OF FRENCH ENGINEERS,
TECHNICIANS AND FAMILIES IN CHINA, MANY OF THEM
REMAINING FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS DURING BUILDING OF
VARIOUS PLANTS AND UTILITIES.

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3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR MANAC'H WILL REACH MANDATORY

RETIREMENT AGE (65) IN EARLY FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR.
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